

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 16, line 8 and ending at line 22.

The valve of the present invention shown in Figs. 3A and 3B has flat plate 301 supported by springs 302. In such a valve, flat plate 301 can be displaced by deformation of the spring only without deformation of the flat plate, where the displacement of flat plate 301 is stable, to obtain a stable threshold pressure. It is necessary for deforming only spring 302 to design the spring with a small spring constant. Small thickness and small length in each ~~springs~~ spring 302 enable enables the spring constant of the spring to be small. A reduction of the number of springs is also effective in reducing a spring constant of ~~the whole~~ all of ~~the~~ the springs. It is also effective in obtaining a shape having little ~~deformative~~ deformation to design flat plate 301 having to have a relatively great ~~thick~~ thickness.